

OFFICE OF THE CITY MANAGER

NO. LTC # 244-2012

LETTER TO COMMISSION

TO:

Mayor Matti Herrera Bower and Members of the City Commission

FROM:

Kathie G. Brooks, Interim City Manager Koll

DATE:

September 24, 2012

SUBJECT: Committee for Quality Education Motions

The Committee for Quality Education would like you to be aware of the attached motions regarding the offering of foreign language class at Nautilus Middle School and Fienberg Fisher K-8 Center, Miami-Dade County Public Schools, Agenda Books, Health, and Safety, which were approved at their September 24, 2012, committee meeting.

C: Dr. Leslie Rosenfeld, QEC Liaison



City of Miami Beach Committee for Quality Education

Meeting of September 24, 2012

Members Present: Ivette Borrello, Karen Rivo, Sofia Emuriel, Kay Coulter, Beverly Heller, Becky Cohen, Lisa Simon, Ivette Birba, Tiffany Heckler, and Heidi Tandy

Members Absent: Maria Hosu, Sheila Duffy –Lehrman, Elisa Leone, Jill Swartz, and Keren Bajaroff

Motion made by Beverly Heller Motion second by Karen Rivo

Motion Text:

The Committee for Quality Education requests the Mayor and Commission strongly support the implementation of foreign language classes for high school credit at Nautilus Middle School and Fienberg-Fisher K-8 Center comparable to every other IB MYP school in Miami-Dade County Public Schools. The intent of this request is to allow children at both schools the opportunity to obtain high school credit in a foreign language class while in middle school, with the option of taking an Advanced Placement class by the 8th grade year. Implementation would be as follows:

- 2012-13 school year foreign language high school credit level 1
- 2013-14 school year foreign language high school credit level 1 and level 2
- 2014-15 school year foreign language advanced placement class high school and college credit

The Committee for Quality Education urges for the Mayor and Commission to support the above request.

Motion Passage: Votes 10-0

Motion made by Karen Rivo Motion second by Beverly Heller

Motion Text:

The Committee for Quality Education requests the Mayor and Commission strongly support the Miami-Dade County Public School 1.2 Billion Bond Referendum, scheduled for a vote in October/November 2012.

The Committee for Quality Education urges for the Mayor and Commission to support the above request.

Motion Passage: Votes 10-0

Motion made by Beverly Heller Motion second by Ivette Borrello

Motion Text:

The Committee for Quality Education requests the Mayor and Commission continue to support and fund the school agenda books for the children of the Miami Beach schools, including Treasure Island. The Committee for Quality Education urges for the Mayor and Commission to support the above request.

Motion Passage: Votes 10-0

Motion made by Karen Rivo Motion second by Beverly Heller Motion Text:

The health and well-being of our children is of paramount importance and should be considered a community priority and responsibility. Therefore, the Committee for Quality Education recommends that Mayor and City Commission review the Health and Well-being activities in the Education Compact to strengthen them and consider funding support.

The Committee for Quality Education urges for the Mayor and Commission to support the above request.

Motion Passage: Votes 10-0

Motion made by Beverly Heller Motion second by Karen Rivo Motion Text:

The Committee for Quality Education requests the Mayor and Commission support the research and recommendations presented by the Safety sub-committee to extend the school safety zone at Nautilus Middle School to include 41st Street from Meridian Avenue to Alton Road from 8:30 a.m. – 9:10 a.m. and 3:50 p.m. – 4:15 p.m. within the 2012-13 school year. Additional suggestions to consider include:

- Install a prepare to stop sign at Meridian in anticipation of the requested crosswalk at N.
 Jefferson Avenue
- Perhaps change N. Jefferson Avenue to one-way southbound
- Use flasher (red & yellow) on bridge heading west
- Perhaps change Garden Avenue to one-way southbound
- Use flasher (red & yellow) on bridge heading west

The Committee for Quality Education urges for the Mayor and Commission to support the above request.

Motion Passage: Votes 10-0